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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. ____**

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A RESOLUTION honoring the Chesterton High School debate team.

Whereas, On January 31, 2009, the Chesterton High School debate team won the 2008-2009 State Championship Sweepstakes Award;

Whereas, Twenty-seven schools participated in the Indiana High School Forensic Association (IHSFA) state championship tournament in Kokomo;

Whereas, The Chesterton High School team scored 63 points to defeat the runner-up by eight points, earning Chesterton High School a second state championship in a row

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and 19th overall;

Whereas, The tournament consists of four competitive events - Public Forum, Lincoln-Douglas, Policy, and Congressional;

Whereas, Chesterton was victorious in two of the four individual state championships;

Whereas, 43 teams competed in the Public Forum debate with Luke Morgan and Spencer Hadley winning the state championship and Tyler Fabbri and Syed Shah finishing as state runners-up; this victory marked the fourth state championship for the school in the six years of the event;

Whereas, Alec Donelson and Dakota McCoy were quarterfinalists in the Public Forum debate and Adam Potrezbowski and Jordan Hoover competed in the preliminary rounds;

Whereas, Thirty-seven competitors were in the Lincoln-Douglas debate with Chesterton's Ankur Chawla winning the state championship;

Whereas, Megan Adamczewski was an octafinalist while Arlan Brooks and Dan Leopold competed in preliminary rounds;

Whereas, Of the 27 teams competing in the Policy debate, Manhar Grewal and Siva Muthusamy were quarterfinalists while the teams of Jessica Povlinski and Chastity Mottinger, Ben Andrews and Jeff Tucker, and Christian Parroco and Warren Fasone were octafinalists;

Whereas, Tristen Comegys and Erika Mihalek advanced to the semifinals of the Congressional debate, and Aris Ringas and Kailey Paglia advanced to the Super Senate final round of Congressional with Michelle Wyatt serving as the presiding officer for the Congressional debate;

Whereas, The Chesterton debate team is coached by Mr. James Cavallo, Mr. Chris Lowery, and Mr. Scott Woodhouse;



and

Whereas, Debate is an academic activity that helps to develop and teach the skill of public speaking and encourage the participants to develop their full potential: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives
2 congratulates the members of the Chesterton High School debate team
3 on their recent state championship and wishes them continued success
4 in all their future endeavors.

5 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
6 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the members of the
7 debate team, Principal James Goetz, and Superintendent Dr. Dirk Baer.

